

Nigeria Beyond 2015



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Oh, Nigeria; my father's land
The obvious giant of Africa
Blessed beyond limit
Loaded with natural resources
Filled with human resources
But shot of true leaders

Many of our politicians are not polite in trickery
Many can die for a big position
But few are responsible
Many value titles and salary
But few value human lives
Leadership is clearly not about position

Election is now a do or die, affair
Many pursue god-fathers
Even at the expense of GOD THE FATHER
Winning an election is no longer about service
It's now about the stomach
Leadership is a game of service

Though blessed with natural resources
This nation is plagued by bad leaders
When your stomach is your director
Greed becomes your master
Oh my country
What becomes of your future?

Our economy is said to be the strongest in the continent
Yet over 70% of our population lives in destitution
While President Jonathan's ambition was funded with 21 billion
Our PhD holders don't mind being truck drivers
They said they are progressives

Yet they vow to make the country ungovernable

Who do we vote for in 2015?

The man who was without shoes?

Or the man who threatened our peace?

The man whose administration can't get back Chibok girls?

Or the man whose desperation for power is beyond measure?

Beyond 2015; what becomes of our nation?

Over 60% of our population are youths

Should we vote for a 72 year's old retired military man?

Or a 57 years old Zoologist?

What's the bone of contention?

Power or service?

Self or service?

They said PDP is corrupt

Yet APC is full of PDP used and dumped politicians

What has President Jonathan done to deserve a second term?

What did General Buhari did as a military administrator?

Jonathan or Buhari?

Who could be the saint?

Yes I believe in change

But can it come from a 72 years old strict man?

Can it come from a 57 years old Zoologist?

General Buhari was tested as a military leader

President Jonathan was tested as a vice now a president

Who can deliver?

Is this election between two saints?

Is it between two sinners?

Is it between a saint and a sinner?

Isn't it between two devils?

The best among many devils

Can't be a saint

Oh my nation

You are desperately in need of transformation

Which we can't get from thugs

Yes, it can't come from touts
It can't come from heartless murderers
But wise and compassionate leaders

Professor Wole Soyinka called President Jonathan Nebuchadnezzar
What will he call the man who fought for third term in vain?
Even the man who ordered Odi killing
Has the temerity to talk about boko haram
He is called an elder statesman
Yet his record is far from clean

Leadership is a game of responsibility
It's not about position
It's about service
It's not about self
It's about transformation
It's not about corruption

It's not about religion
It's not about tribe
It's not about minority
It's not a tenure system game
It's not about being a boss
It's about taking the lead

My problem is not the 2015 election
It can't be better than the previous elections
The process predicts the product
The process is clear already
It's more about self than service
It's more about position than responsibility

He vowed to make our nation ungovernable
Should we give him more power?
We gave him a chance
Since he had no shoe
Didn't he betray our trust?
Who among them can we trust?

A Nigeria where your conscience is too cost to buy

A Nigeria where your votes counts
A Nigeria where your opinion counts
A Nigeria where leaders are vision driven
Where manifestoes comes before party
That's the Nigeria of my dream

A Nigeria where immunity is dethroned
A Nigeria the corrupt is vulnerable
A Nigeria where the law is not solely for the poor
A Nigeria where the President is the first servant
A Nigeria where the governors are governed by love for the people
That's the Nigeria of my dream

A Nigeria where news headline is not about boko haram
A Nigeria where political parties presents clear vision
Without playing the blame game
A Nigeria where true leaders are voted for
Not money bags
That's the Nigeria we deserve

That Nigeria begins with me
It begins with you
National development is a mere fantasy
Without personal development
A new Nigeria requires
New Nigerians

Let's change our value system
You don't need to be corrupt to succeed
You don't need a political father to win an election
You don't need a corrupt party to win an election
The change must start within
Your mind is the seat of change

Let's start the new Nigeria
A Nigeria where excellence is a culture
A Nigeria where integrity is a tradition
That's the Nigeria of my dream; it's the Nigeria I desire
It's the Nigeria you deserve
GOD bless Nigeria

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